application

Temporary Waiver from High School Graduation Requirements

Under Chapter 217, Laws of 2014

**Instructions**

RCW 28A.230.090(1)(d)(ii) authorizes school districts, private schools, and community colleges to apply to the State Board of Education (SBE) for a temporary waiver from the career and college ready graduation requirements directed by Chapter 217, Laws of 2104 (E2SSB 6552) beginning with the graduating class of 2020 or 2021 instead of the graduating class of 2019. This law further provides:

“In the application, a school district must describe why the waiver is being requested, the specific impediments preventing timely implementation, and efforts that will be taken to achieve implementation with the graduating class proposed under the waiver. The state board of education shall grant a waiver under this subsection (1)(d) to an applying school district at the next subsequent meeting of the board after receiving an application.”

The SBE has adopted rules to implement this provision as WAC 180-51-068(11). The rules provide that the SBE must post an application form on its public web site for use by school districts. The rules further provide:

* The application must be accompanied by a resolution adopted by the district’s board of directors requesting the waiver. The resolution must, at a minimum:
	1. State the entering freshman class or classes for whom the waiver is requested;
	2. Be signed by the chair or president of the board of directors and the superintendent.
* A district implementing a waiver granted by the SBE under this law will continue to be subject to the prior high school graduation requirements as specified in WAC 180-51-067 during the school year or years for which the waiver has been granted.
* A district granted a waiver under this law that elects to implement the career and college ready graduation requirements in WAC 180-51-068 during the period for which the waiver si granted shall provide notification of that decision to the SBE.

Please send the application and school board resolution electronically to:

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**Application**

Please complete in full. Please identify any attachments provided by reference to the numbered items below.

1. Name of district
2. Contact information

Name and title

Telephone

E-mail address

1. Date of application.
2. Please explain why the district is requesting a waiver to delay implementation of career and college ready graduation requirements in WAC 180-51-068.

[Enter Name of College] Community College partners with the K12 districts [name school districts in your service area that have temporary waivers from 24-credit graduation requirements] in our service area. We provide instruction to the student population of these districts. Our program is aligned to state graduation standards and in order to serve the students of our district partners, we are requesting the waiver in order to keep our program aligned with our service district partners which have been granted the waiver to delay implementation of the career and college ready graduation requirements.

1. Please describe the specific impediments preventing implementation of the career and college ready graduation requirements beginning with the graduating class of 2019.

We are currently able to fully implement the graduation requirements, but are requesting the waiver in order to remain aligned with our partner districts.

1. Please indicate below the graduating class for which the district will first implement the career and college ready graduation requirements.

\_\_\_x\_\_ Class of 2020

\_\_\_x\_\_ Class of 2021

1. Please describe the efforts that will be undertaken to achieve implementation of the career and college ready graduation requirements for the graduating class indicated above.

We have courses available that fully meet the graduation requirements. Our program has developed high school level courses based on OSPI curriculum standards that fulfill all credit requirements for the 24 credit high school diploma. Additionally, student that meet eligibility requirements may take college-level coursework that transfers back into their high school diploma program. At the request of the participating districts which have implemented CCR graduation requirements for those classes prior to 2021, we are fully able to offer the 24 credit diploma option.

**Final step**

Please attach the district resolution required by WAC 180-51-068, signed and dated by the chair or president of the board of directors and the district superintendent.